HEPTON

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

N. E. GORDON, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.

and the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

W. SMITH, M.A.P.H.I., C.R.S.I.

for the Year

1966

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PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF

Hepton R.D.C.

Medical Officer of Health
N. E. GORDON, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.

Deputy Medical Officer of Health
Vacant.

Senior Public Health Inspector
W. SMITH, M.A.P.H.I., C.R.S.I.

West Riding County Council -

Preventive Medical Services: Health Division 19.

Staff with duties in the Hepton Rural District

Divisional Medical Officer - As above (M.O.H.)

Senior Assistant County Medical Officer -
Vacant.

Assistant County Medical Officer
* W. C. McKERR, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.

School Dental Officer -
Vacant

Divisional Nursing Officer
C. J. BARKER, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert., Queen's Nurse.

Health Visitors -
*M. WILD, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert. Queen's Nurse.
*A. T. COBREY, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert., Queen's Nurse, transferred away 3.1.66.
*K. BURTON, S.R.N., H.V. Cert.

Assistant Health Visitor
*‡ E. A. HELLIWELL, S.R.N., S.C.M.

Tuberculosis Health Visitor -
* B. G. NICHOLL, S.R.N.

Mental Welfare Officer
* E. KIRKWOOD (Resigned 19.6.66)
* R. ALLEN, R.N.M.S. (commenced 31.1.66)
* C.E. DUFFY, S.R.N., R.N.M.S. (commenced 22.8.66)

Midwives -
* A. B. HOBSON, S.R.N., C.M.B., Queen's Nurse
* M. A. THOSEBY, S.C.M.

Home Nurses -
* I. COLLUMBELL, S.R.N., C.M.B., Queen's Nurse (Retired 7.9.66)
* S. A. M. LEEDER, S.R.N., Queen's Nurse

* Also have duties in other parts of the Division
‡ Part-time

Senior Divisional Clerk -
H. MARSHALL, A.C.I.S., A.R.S.H.

Deputy Senior Divisional Clerk -
MISS J. SUTCLIFFE

Clerks -

Miss P. Jackson, Mrs. M. Redfern, Miss M. J. Crowther
R. Wild (resigned 14.9.66), Miss J. E. Horsfall (resigned 7.4.66)
Miss S. M. Horsfall, Miss A. Fielden, Miss S.E. Davies,
Miss S.E. Taggart (commenced 10.1.66 - resigned 31.3.66)
Miss K. Gill, (commenced 13.4.66), K.G. Holland (commenced 21.11.66)

Halifax Area Hospitals Management Committee -

Consultant Staff -

Chest Physician:

BERTRAM MANN, B.Sc., M.D., D.P.H.

Ear, Nose and Throat Surgeon:

W. M. S. IRONSIDE, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), F.A.C.C.P.

Ophthalmic Surgeon:

P. M. WOOD, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P., D.O.M.S.

Orthopaedic Surgeon:

G. HYMAN, M.B., F.R.C.S.

The Abraham Ormerod Medical Centre,
Todmorden.

September, 1971.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the report for 1966, the twentieth since the inception of the scheme of Divisional Administration and four years before I took up the position of Medical Officer of Health.

Under the Divisional Health Scheme your Medical Officer for that year was also Divisional Medical Officer for the West Riding County Council's Local Health Services and with the amalgamation of the former Todmorden and Brighouse Divisions, he became responsible for similar functions in the other seven districts of the enlarged division - which included all the County area served by the Halifax Hospitals.

The Registrar General's estimate of the population was 3,600, the same figure as the previous year. Whilst total births exceeded deaths during this year, the birth rate was again very low and much below that of the administrative County and the country as a whole. The death rate was the same as the previous year and similar to that of the West Riding County. The main causes of death continued to be heart and circulatory diseases followed by malignant conditions of various types. The mortality rates in other respects were excellent, there being no stillbirths, no maternal deaths and no deaths in infants under one year during 1966. There were four illegitimate births compared with one only the previous year.

Turning to infectious diseases statistics, one case of Tuberculosis was notified during the year a figure which is attributed to the progress which has been made in reducing the incidence of this "killer" disease of the past. There were no food poisoning or dysentery cases and the most frequently notified case was measles.

Sections 2. and 3. of the report deal in detail with the general provision of health services and the County preventive health services. The report of Mr. Smith, Public Health Inspector, gives full coverage of the work with environmental aspects which was carried out during the year.

Finally, Ladies and Gentlemen, on behalf of the department, I would like to express thanks to you and the members of the staff for the kindness and courtesy shown throughout the year.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

S.H. BROCK, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION I.

Vital Statistics

Statistics -

Area: 21,769 acres.
Population: Registrar-General's estimate of Resident Population, mid-1966: 3,600
1961 Census: 3,682
Number of dwelling houses: 1,605
Rateable Value: £88,571 (1.4.66)
Product of a Penny Rate: £342 (1966-67)

Summary of Vital Statistics -

	TOTAL	M	F	
Live Births *	48	24	24	Birth Rate per 1,000 Population 13.3
Still Births *	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still)births Nil
Total Live & Still Births*	48	24	24	
Deaths of infants Under 1 year (Total)	-	-	-	Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births: total Nil
Under 1 year (legitimate)	-	-	-	legitimate Nil
Under 1 year(illegitimate)	-	-	-	illegitimate (per 1,000 illegitimate live births) Nil
Under 4 weeks	-	-	-	Neo-natal Mortality Rate Nil
Under 1 week	-	-	-	Early neo-natal mortality rate Nil
Illegitimate Live Births*	4	3	1	Percentage of total live births 8.3%
Maternal Deaths (associated with pregnancy or child? birth)	-	-	-	Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live & still births Nil
All Deaths	44	27	17	Death Rate per 1,000 population 12.2

*These figures include births outside the Rural District to mothers usually resident in Hepton.

CAUSES OF DEATH IN HEPTON RURAL DISTRICT

1966

		M.	F.
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-
2.	Tuberculosis, other	-	-
3.	Syphilitic disease	-	-
4.	Diphtheria	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	-	-
6.	Meningococcal Infections	-	-
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
8.	Measles	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-	-
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	1	-
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	-
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1
14.	Other Malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	5	2
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-
16.	Diabetes	-	-
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	1	6
18.	Coronary disease, angina	11	3
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	-	-
20.	Other heart diseases	-	2
21.	Other circulatory diseases	2	1
22.	Influenza	-	1
23.	Pneumonia	1	-
24.	Bronchitis	1	-
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	-	-
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-
27.	Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	-	-
28.	Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	-
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
30.	Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	-	-
31.	Congenital malformations	-	-
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	1
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	-	-
34.	All other accidents	1	-
35.	Suicide	1	-
36.	Homicide and operations of war	-	-
	TOTAL, ALL CAUSES	27	17

PRINCIPAL VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1950.
Based on Registrar General's Figures

	Hepton R.D.	Hebden Royd U.D.	Todm'den M.B.	Sowerby Br'ge U.D.	Rip'den U.D.	Aggregate W. Riding U.D.	W.Riding Admin. County	England & Wales (Provisional Figures)
BIRTH RATE:- (per 1,000 estimated population	13.3	13.2	15.3	17.4	13.4	17.8	18.0	17.7
DEATH RATES:- (All per 1,000 estimated home population).								
All Causes	12.2	17.5	15.4	14.6	13.0	12.9	12.1	11.7
Infective and parasitic diseases*	-	-	-	-	-	0.03	0.03	**
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	-	-	0.12	0.06	-	0.05	0.05	0.04
Other forms of tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	0.20	-	-	0.01
Cancer	2.50	2.89	2.26	2.52	0.81	2.16	2.0	2.25
Vascular lesions of nervous system	1.94	2.89	2.75	1.80	3.04	2.02	1.87	**
Heart & circulatory diseases +	5.28	7.12	5.88	6.29	6.28	4.77	4.48	**
Respiratory diseases:- ‡ (excluding tuberculosis of respiratory system)	0.83	2.00	2.45	1.80	1.21	1.88	1.72	**
INFANT MORTALITY:- (Deaths under one year per 1,000 live births	-	25.2	16.0	17.2	15.2	20.1	19.8	19.0
MATERNAL MORTALITY:- (Deaths of mothers associated with pregnancy or childbirth per 1,000 live and still-births)	-	-	-	-	-	0.31	0.25	0.26

* Combined death rate from syphilitic diseases, diphtheria, whooping cough, meningococcal infections, acute poliomyelitis, measles, and other infective and parasitic diseases (items 3-9 incl. on p. 6)

\+ Combined death rate from heart disease and other diseases of the circulatory system (items 18-21 on p.6)

‡ Combined death rate from influenza, pneumonia, bronchitis and other respiratory diseases, excluding tuberculosis of the respiratory system (items 22-25 incl. on page 6.

SECTION II

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

A. Hospitals

There is no hospital in Hepton Rural district. Patients requiring hospital treatment are referred as a rule to hospitals under the administration of the Halifax Hospitals Management Committee (National Health Service). Included in this group are the Halifax General Hospital, Royal Halifax Infirmary, St. John's Hospital (for the aged and chronic sick), Northowram Hall Hospital for Infectious Diseases, Todmorden Fielden Hospital (for long stay medical cases in children) and Todmorden Stansfield View Hospital for mentally sub-normal patients.

Maternity beds are available at the Halifax General Hospital. Priority in booking is given to abnormal cases, mothers expecting their first child, and mothers with unsatisfactory home conditions.

Special hospitals (e.g. Mental Hospitals, special Orthopaedic Hospitals, Tuberculosis Sanatoria, etc.) outside the Halifax area are available when required; they are situated in various parts of the so-called "Leeds Hospital Region" which in fact extends into all three Ridings.

B. Ambulance Service

The County Council took over the control of the ambulance service towards the end of 1947. The area served by the Todmorden Ambulance Depot now includes most of the Hepton Rural District, but those parts adjacent to Luddenden are served by Halifax Corporation Ambulance Service under an agency agreement.

C. Laboratory Facilities

These are provided by the Public Health Laboratory Service (directed by the Medical Research Council for the Ministry of Health) at central laboratories in Wakefield and Bradford and by the Regional Blood Transfusion Service at Leeds.

D. Issue of Anti-Toxin etc.

Supplies of diphtheria and tetanus anti-toxin are available at the Northowram Hall Hospital and the Royal Halifax Infirmary for issue to medical practitioners requiring them. By arrangement with the Regional Hospital Board supplies of tetanus anti-toxin are also kept at the Divisional Health Office, The Medical Centre, Todmorden, for the use of medical practitioners in the division. A supply of reagents for diphtheria and whooping-cough immunisation is also available free of charge to private practitioners who have undertaken to participate in the West Riding County Council's schemes of immunisation. Poliomyelitis vaccine is also issued in accordance with approved arrangements.

SECTION III

W.R.C.C. Preventive Health Services

A. Clinics and Treatment Centres

There are no clinics or treatment centres in the Hepton Rural District, but mothers and children resident in the area attend the Pitt Street Clinic, Hebden Bridge.

B. Care of Mothers and Young Children

Home Visiting of Infants

Total number of live births to Hepton & Hebden Royd mothers....	167	
Number of first visits to children under 1 year	140	*
Total number of visits to children under 1 year	814	*
Total number of visits to children aged 1 - 2 years	689	*
Total number of visits to children aged 2 - 5 years	1332	*

*Hebden Royd & Hepton

Provision of Welfare Foods, etc.

National Dried Milk, Cod Liver Oil, Orange Juice, etc. are distributed at the Centre and a variety of brands of dried milk and other infant foods are sold at the Child Welfare Centre for the convenience of mothers.

Care of Premature Infants

Special equipment and nursing staff are available for use in the homes in cases requiring them.

Provision of Maternity Outfits

These are provided free to mothers preparing for confinement in their own homes.

C. Professional Nursing in the Home

The West Riding County Council employs a Home Nurse who resides at her own home in Hebden Bridge, and her area includes the Hepton Rural District.

A whole time midwife resides in her own home in Hebden Bridge and serves Hebden Bridge as well as the Hepton R.D. area.

Number of confinements at home	23
Number of confinements in hospital	25

Analgesia

The midwife is trained in the administration of trilene and gas and air analgesia, and is provided with the necessary equipment. Analgesia is available to all mothers desiring it subject to satisfactory medical examination.

D. Health Visiting

The duties of the Health Visitor are combined with those of the School Nurse. In pursuance of the National Health Service Act the scope of this service includes home visiting for the purpose of giving advice as to the care of children and persons (including adults) suffering from illness and/or expectant and nursing mothers. The Health Visitor also gives advice in the home as to measures necessary to prevent the spread of infection.

E. Home Helps

In accordance with the National Health Service Act, the County Council provide domestic help for households "where such help is required

owing to the presence of any person who is ill, lying-in, an expectant mother, mentally defective, aged, or a child not over compulsory school age".

During 1966, 23 cases were attended by Home Helps, and the total number of hours worked was 2951

F. Care and After Care

Special provisions are in operation for the care and after care of patients suffering from tuberculosis, mental illness or defect, venereal disease, and other illnesses.

G. School Health Service

Number of schools in the district 3
Number of children in attendance at school at end of 1966 ... 197
Number of children examined at school during 1966 148
Routine examinations 44
Re-examinations 104
Number of above children referred for treatment 3

H. Immunisation and Vaccination

In accordance with the National Health Service Act, immunisation against diphtheria and vaccination against smallpox may be done either at the Clinic or by the family doctor

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

(i) Number of children in Hepton Rural District who had completed a full course of Diphtheria Immunisation 1966

Age at 31.12.66 i.e. born in year	0-1 1966	1 1965	2 1964	3 1963	4 1962	5 1961	6 1960	7 1959	8 1958	9 1957	10-14 1952-1956
Completed injections 1966	18	6	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-

Total 26

	1962	Children born in years 1957/61	1952/56	Total
No. who received a re-inforcing injection during the year 1966	3	12	3	18

(11) Number of Children in Hepton Rural District who had completed a full course of Diphtheria Immunisation at any time to 31.12.66

Age at 31.12.66 i.e. born in year	Under 1 1966	1 1965	2 1964	3 1963	4 1962	5 to 9 1957-61	10 to 14 1952-56	Total Under 15
No. immunised	18	18	39	52	38	198	198	561

WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNISATION

Number of children in Hepton who completed a full course of Whooping Cough Immunisation, 1966:

Age at final injection	Under 6 mths	6 mths to 1 year	1-2 yrs	2-3 yrs	3-4 yrs	Over 4	Total
No. Immunised	-	18	6	-	-	-	24

(ii) Number of children in Hepton Rural District who had completed a course of immunisation at any time up to 31.12.6

Age at 31.12.66. i.e. born in year	Under 1 1966	1 1965	2 1964	3 1963	4 1962	5-9 1957-61	10-14 1952-56	Total
No. immunised	18	18	38	61	35	188	117	475

During the year there were no cases of Whooping Cough notified.

VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

During 1966 vaccinations against smallpox were notified as follows:-

Age at Date of Vaccination	Under 1	1 year	2-4 yrs	5-14 yrs	15 yrs or over	Total
No. vaccinated	-	10	4	2	2	18
No. re-vaccinated	-	-	-	-	2	2

SECTION IV

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Summary of Notifications received in year 1966

Disease	Total Cases Notified.
Scarlet fever	2
Whooping Cough	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-
Measles	14
Diphtheria	-
Dysentery	-
Meningococcal infection	-
Acute Pneumonia	-
Smallpox	-
Acute encephalitis	-
Enteric or typhoid fever	-
Paratyphoid fevers	-
Erysipelas	-
Food Poisoning	-
Puerperal pyrexia	-
Ophthalmia neonatorum	-
Pulmonary tuberculosis	1
Other forms of tuberculosis	-
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Tuberculosis

The following table gives at a glance the position regarding tuberculosis in Hepton in 1966 :-

	Respiratory			Non-Resp.			
	M	F	Ttl.	M	F	Ttl.	Ttls.
No. on Register on 1.1.1966	8	6	14	2	-	2	16
No. first notified dur. 1966	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
No. of cases restored to register.	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
No. of cases entered in Register other than by notification							
No. removed from register during 1966:-							
(a) Died	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Removed from district	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Recovered	4	2	6	-	-	-	6
No. remaining on Register 31.12.66	6	4	10	2	-	2	12

HEPTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Annual Report

of the

Public Health Inspector

Year Ending 31st December, 1966.

Health Department,
Holme House,
Hebden Bridge.

To the Chairman & Members of the
Hepton Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1966, and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Chairman and Members for the help and assistance they have given me in the carrying out of my duties.

I would also like to express my thanks to Dr. N.E. Gordon, the Medical Officer of Health, for his advice and help.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Yours respectfully,

Walter Smith, M.A.P.H.I.,

Public Health Inspector and Surveyor.

Water Supplies

The public water supply for the district is administered by The Calderdale Water Board.

1062 dwelling houses in the district are supplied with water from public mains, 5 houses having been connected during the year.

Public mains water is available to about 80% of the properties, about 66% are connected.

Water Sampling

Number of water samples taken from private supplies for bacteriological examination during the year 2 Result: Both satisfactory

Drainage and Sewerage

1256 of the dwelling houses in the district are connected to public sewers, and 43 are provided with satisfactory private drainage. The remainder having unsatisfactory arrangements, there being no proper disposal facilities in most cases.

Sewers are still required in parts of the Parishes of Heptonstall, Erringden and Blackshaw.

A scheme is in preparation to sewer Shaw Croft Hill and Far Shaw Croft

Sanitary Accommodation

Number of houses provided with water closets	1240
" " " " " waste water closets	Nil
" " " " " chemical or pail closets	385
Number of earth closets etc. converted to water closets	43

A grant of half the reasonable cost is made in respect of each conversion of a pail or privy closet to a w.c.

Public Cleansing

Public Cleansing and Salvage Collection was satisfactorilymaintained throughout the district, during the year, refuse being collected weekly in the villages and hamlets, from the sparsely populated parts monthly and remote farms on request.

All refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping at Wadsworth.

The sewage collected weekly from pail closets is disposed of into the public sewer at Pecket Tip, Wadsworth.

Number of dustbins provided to properties during the year	3
Number of renewals made under the Council scheme	35
Number of paper sack holders provided to properties during the year	200
Total of paper sack holders now in use	200

Housing

Number of dwelling houses in district	1605
Number of houses included in above (a) Back to back	138
(b) Single back	106

Number of houses included in Representations made during the year	Nil
No. of houses demolished	Nil
No. of unfit houses closed	Nil
No. of houses made fit (a) After Informal action	Nil
" " " " " (b) After formal action	Nil
No of unfit houses in Temporary use	Nil

Rent Act 1957

No action was required during the year.

New Dwellings

No. of new dwellings completed during the year:
By Local Authority: Nil By Private Enterprise: 12

Grants for Conversion or Improvement of Houses

(a) Conversions

No. of applicants ..... Nil

(b) Improvements

No. of applications	14
No. approved	14
No. of dwellings completed	14

Advances made for Acquiring or Constructing Houses

No. advances made for Acquiring Houses 11

Nuisances

Notices for abatement of nuisances.

	Outstanding at 31.12.65	Issued in 1966	Abated in 1966	Outstanding at 31.12.66
Informal	1	3	3	1
Statutory	-	-	-	-

No legal proceedings were taken.

Food Hygiene

No. of food premises in the area:-

Catering establishments	20
Bakehouses	Nil
Food Shops	17

No. of Food premises registered

(a) Ice Cream

Manufacturers	Nil
Retailers	8
(b) Sausages, Potted or Preserved Foods	2

Meat Inspection

There are no slaughter houses in the district.

Milk
Biological Samples

No. of Samples taken for Brucellosis:

Ring Test: 114 No. Positive : 16 Culture Test: 36 No. Positive 4

Action taken in respect of positive samples

The Producer-Retailers were assisted in identifying the animals giving the infected milk, and was then required to exclude all milk from the animal from retail sales.

Clean Air Act 1956

There are 2 industrial smoke stacks in the district. No action was required to be taken during the year.

Public Swimming Baths

There are no public swimming baths in the district.

Moveable dwellings

There are no licensed caravan sites in the area and no caravans are individually licensed.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act

No. of Premises Registered 14

No. of visits made 6

Routine Sanitary Inspections	Visits
Fried Fish Shops	1
Shops	10
Schools	2
Public ouses	4
Factories	2
Public Conveniences	6
Drainage	30
Refuse Collection	11
Refuse Disposal	8
Water Supplies	5
Smoke Abatement	NIL

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act 1961

Part 1 of the Act

1. Inspections for the purposes of provision as to health

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	Nil	–	–	–
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	10	4	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	Nil	–	–	–
TOTAL	10	4	Nil	Nil

2. Cases in which defects were found: NIL

Part VIII of the Act

Outwork - Sections 133-134

	SECTION 133				SECTION 134	
Nature of Work	No. of Outworkers in August List required by Sec.110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing Apparel (Making etc., cleaning and washing)	5	-	-	-	-	-